

## H-3101-1 - ISSUANCE OF LEASES

### Introduction

This Handbook is divided into three sections. The first section covers adjudication-related procedures concerning availability of lands for oil and gas leasing, lease issuance, requirements regarding acreage limitations, joinder evidence for leases within cooperative or unit agreements, Federal assumption of private oil and gas leases, lease modifications, and other lease adjudicative actions required when oil and gas lease applications occur on Federal mineral estate covered by other land actions. The second section of this Handbook addresses lease terms and conditions, including lease stipulations and information notices. The third section of this Handbook provides guidance for leasing split estate lands and lands under the jurisdiction of other surface management agencies (SMA's) and includes discussion of national interagency agreements (IA's) and memoranda of understanding (MOU's). The BLM State Office-specific IA's and MOU's are to be included in State Office Manual Supplements that are a supplement this BLM Handbook.